

# **BOARD OF CERTIFICATION FOR EMERGENCY NURSING (BCEN)**

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**DANTES  
Test Centers'  
Authorization**

The Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing (BCEN) authorizes military installations with DANTES test centers to administer the BCEN certification examinations.

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**Background**

BCEN offers the Certification for Emergency Nurses (CEN) and the Certification for Flight Nurses (CFRN) examinations.

The CEN exam has been offered since 1980. Initially established in the United States by the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), the examination is now administered by and is the sole responsibility of BCEN.

BCEN began the development of the CFRN exam in conjunction with the National Flight Nurses Association (NFNA) in 1991. An extensive study of flight nursing practice resulted in the first CFRN exam in 1993.

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**Address**

**Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing  
915 Lee Street  
Des Plaines, IL 60016-6569**

**Phone: (800) 243-8362**

**Website: <http://www.ena.org/bcen/>**

**E-mail: [bcen@ena.org](mailto:bcen@ena.org)**

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## Description

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### Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for CEN or CFRN, the examinee must meet the following:

#### CEN

- Be a registered nurse with a current unrestricted license, or
- Have a nursing certificate that is equivalent to a registered nurse in the United States.

**NOTE: It is recommended but not required that the CEN applicant have two years experience in emergency nursing.**

#### CFRN

- Be a registered nurse with a current unrestricted license, or
- Have a nursing certificate that is equivalent to a registered nurse in the United States.

**NOTE: It is recommended but not required that the CFRN applicant have two years experience in flight nursing.**

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### Examination Content

The CEN and CFRN examinations are 3 hour exams consisting of 175 items administered at DANTES test sites in May and October only.

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## Application Procedures

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### To Order

BCEN requires a minimum of 8 applicants overseas and 12 applicants in the United States to sit for the exam. Applications must be received 6 to 8 weeks prior to intended test date.

The applicant will receive a handbook approximately 3 to 4 weeks after receipt of the application.

**NOTE: All applications must be mailed together accompanied with a letter from the TCO containing the following information:**

- Test Date, Time, and Location
- TCO's name, address and telephone number
- Ed. Center's mailing add. (testing materials will be sent to this add.)
- Number and roster of applicants

Mail to:

**BCEN**

**CEN or CFRN Examination (whichever is appropriate)**

**915 Lee Street**

**Des Plaines, IL 60016-6569**

For additional information, please call (800) 900-9659, ext. 2630 or E-mail BCEN at [bcen@ena.org](mailto:bcen@ena.org)

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## Certification Fees

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BCEN accepts checks, money orders, Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover. Fees for the certification examination are as follows:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>CEN</b>	<b>CFRN</b>
New applicant, ENA member	\$220	\$230
New applicant, ASTNA member		\$230
New applicant, non-member	\$360	\$370
Re-certifying ENA member	\$190	\$210
Re-certifying ASTNA member		\$210
Re-certifying non-member	\$320	\$350

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## Administration

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### Military Administration

**DANTES TEST CENTERS MAY ADMINISTER THE CEN AND CFRN CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION TO ELIGIBLE ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AND RESERVE COMPONENT PERSONNEL ON AN UNFUNDED (EXAMINEE PAYS) BASIS UNLESS EXISTING MILITARY REGULATIONS PROVIDE OTHERWISE.**

Examinees must report 30 minutes prior to the test.

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### Civilian Administration

DANTES test centers may administer the BCEN certification examinations to the following civilians on an **UNFUNDED (EXAMINEE PAYS) AND SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS** according to local command policy and Service regulations:

- Retired military personnel
  - Military family members
  - Veterans, and
  - U.S. federal employees
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### Test Date Notification

The TCO will notify the candidate regarding the examination process and confirmation of the test date, time, and location.

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## Scoring

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### Results

Applicants will be notified of test results in approximately six weeks.

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## Refunds

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**Refunds** Applicants who decide not to take the exam PRIOR to scheduling an appointment to take the exam may receive a partial refund with a written request. The partial refund is the registration fee paid less a \$50 processing fee.

**NOTE: There will be no rescheduling or refunds after the 90-day period of testing eligibility.**

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## Retesting

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**Retesting** Unsuccessful candidates are eligible to retake the exam three months after the date of prior testing. Applicants must also complete the re-applicant section.

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## Study and Preparation Assistance

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**Reference Materials** BCEN recommends that review materials focus on the CEN or CFRN content outline. Visit BCEN's web site for specifics on each exam.  
<http://www.ena.org/bcen/>

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## Certificate Maintenance

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**Re-certification** The CEN and CFRN credentials are valid for a period of four years. Re-certification is through re-examination, continuing education (CE), or open book evaluation (CEN only).

The CEN and CFRN have the option of renewing by either of the three options, provided the certification is still current.

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## Problems

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<b>Problems</b>	If information pertaining to the examination is not received in a timely manner, please contact BCEN at <a href="mailto:bcen@ena.org">bcen@ena.org</a> .
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## Security

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<b>Test Loss or Compromise</b>	Refer to Part I of the <i>DANTES Examination Program Handbook (DEPH)</i> for complete instructions if there is an NSCA test loss or compromise.
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Contact DANTES immediately and refer to specific Service regulations for complete procedures. DANTES address is:

<b>DANTES</b>	<b>Phone: (850) 452-1360</b>
<b>Code 20F</b>	<b>DSN: 922-1360</b>
<b>6490 Saufley Field Road</b>	<b>Fax: (850) 452-1161</b>
<b>Pensacola, FL 32509-5243</b>	

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## Web Pages and E-mail Addresses

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<b>DANTES Web Address</b>	Access the DANTES web pages at <a href="http://www.dantes.doded.mil/">http://www.dantes.doded.mil/</a> .
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<b>DANTES E-mail Addresses</b>	The DANTES Certification Program E-mail address is <a href="mailto:certprog@voled.doded.mil">certprog@voled.doded.mil</a>
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